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Hon. John G. Long, member of the National Republican Committee from Florida, attended the State Republican Convention, which met on the 19th ult., in St. Augustine. The republican convention of the Second Congressional District met at the same time and place. Judge Long was unanimously elected temporary and permanent chairman of the State Convention. There were to be elected to the republican national convention to meet in Philadelphia, June 19th next, four delegates at large and two district delegates. It was suggested by the Lilly White element that five of these should be white men, but Judge Long who had made the herculean fight which landed Joe Lee, a colored man, into the position of Internal Revenue collector for the State of Florida, said that the Florida Delegation should be half and half, and won on that line, the delegates at large being: John G. Long, Joseph E. Lee, — Chubb, and Mars S. White; district delegates: — Robinson and Henry W. Chandler.

Judge Long, who had been appointed the Diplomatic Agent of the United States to Cairo, Egypt, by President McKinley some time last fall, left here on the 23rd ult., for New York, whence he sailed for his post of duty. We wish him and family a hearty bon voyage. He will attend the convention in June.

Judge Long is a native southerner but has to battle with his northern white brother for recognition for the colored brother. This is as it should be. Had we many Longs, there would be no Negro problem.

DR. CHALES S. SMITH.

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the A. M. E. Church? Is not this magnificent stone building on the public square a monument, grand and enduring to Charles Spencer Smith's genius and his devotion to his church? What man of you, my brethren, has done these things? Has he not drawn the Sunday schools of the connection under the great, protecting wings of the Union? Has he not made the name of the A. M. E. Sunday School Union at once synonymous with good credit, good sense and good business? Has he not done, in less than twenty years, more than the other publishing department has in fifty? Yes, he has hypnotized the church with his integrity, constructiveness, and his surpassing genius, and by the law of human essentials these attributes will hypnotize the world.

If "J. H." lives in Nashville, he is obtuse to a point of imbecility. He says Dr. Smith "has made the department a

dwelling." If he has reference to Dr. Smith living in the building, I will say that I have known Dr. Smith personally for over ten years, and he has always lived in there. When I came to Nashville ten years ago, I found Dr. Smith living in the Sunday School Union and he has lived there ever since. Inasmuch as "J. H." is given to asking questions, I would like to ask, "Is there any law in the mythical sphere in which J. H. lives and has his being that makes it a crime for the secretary to live in the building?"

When will our people learn the difference between publishing and printing? Nine out of ten think that a man must have a printing office before he can have a publishing house. Dodd, Mead and Co., one of the largest book publishing concerns in the east, has no printing house. The Century, one of the greatest of magazines, and innumerable other large publishing houses, have no printing plants. Dr. Smith has never claimed to be printing since the fire. When the Union burned, there was one Campbell cylinder press and two Gordon's. The cylinder, which was a newspaper press and unfit for book work, was broken up by a fall through the burning timbers and was ruined. The two Gordons and the paper cutter are there yet, I saw them myself, and if "J. H." lives in Nashville, he could see them also.

Having disposed of "J. H." inasmuch as this article is concerned, I desire to pay my respects to his kind-anonymous letter writers. A frog splashing around in a puddle will throw mud upon a passerby, but oftener than not, he will disclose his identity by croaking or other means; I say to "J. H." to have courage, pride and manhood of a frog at least, and since he must throw mud, let him come out in the broad light of day and throw like a man. Cowards, sycophants and curs besmirch the character of honorable men by means of anonymous letters, and an editor who furnishes an outlet for such matter is an accessory after the fact and is equally entitled to these gentle epithets. Adieu to the correspondent-editor. Entre editor-correspondent.

Dr. Tice's article in The Christian Recorder of January 11 gives prima facie evidence of his desire to draw Dr. Smith into a controversy by requesting him to answer questions which have been replied to so often that they have become tradition. Of course, the learned divine of the Eastern branch has not made any charges. Forsooth, he is too wise for that. Foxes enter not into the dens of lions. He simply asks questions, trusting to their curious verbal construction to imply some mysterious disability or chicanery, having in view the Dr. Tice's life mission, the erection of an opening for Murphy.

If there is one thing that C. S. Smith is "long" on, it is reports and figures. He is one of the most methodical and painstaking business men in the country, without exception or reservation. He keeps the church, episcopate, pulpit and pew, in close and immediate information with every movement he makes. Every communicant in the A. M. E. Church is entitled to whatever information he desires relative to the workings of the departments, and C. S. Smith has never refused it to a single applicant. Under these conditions if Brother Tice is not informed, it is certainly not Dr. Smith's fault.

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quoted questions, I desire to say that Dr. Smith is responsible to a board of managers, composed of eleven members of the church, whose integrity has never been questioned. To them he must report; with them he must consult. Dr. Tice asks the secretary to stand forth and defend himself. Pray who is the accuser? Surely not Dr. Tice? He is simply an exparte cross examiner. Surely not "J. H." because it would be first absolutely necessary to establish his existence? He is as weird—as fantastic and as romantic as any character Munchausen ever created.

Come out Dr. Tice, be prosecutor! Come to the board meeting in the regular way, and if it would not be asking too much, be Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, and bring "J. H." along with you. Come, charge Dr. Smith with something and the Board of Managers with culpability. The Board has watched every movement of the secretary and they must be either passively or actively accessories.

In conclusion permit me to explain some things. For more than twenty years I have been a printer, a proof reader, an editor. From San Francisco to the Atlantic have I engaged at various times in my profession. I have seen all phases of publishing and the management of the Sunday School Union seems to me to be conducted on the strictest business lines. I am the product of an African Methodist Sunday school which nestled and thrived under the influence of the Sunday School Union. My mother and family connections have for all their lives been closely allied and devoted to the church; my father-in-law, Dr. T. A. Thompson, has given his best years to the service of the church, and I feel I have a right to protest against the high-handed methods employed by the church politicians in trying to prevent the advancement of Dr. Smith. I am writing this argument because I believe it is my duty to do so, and not because I have been otherwise influenced. I seldom see Dr. Smith; I don't work for him, and have been with him but twice in twelve months.

He is a great, good man, an earnest and intellectual Christian minister, a

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